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Books of Occupying Mercury Hall.

EXHIBITION LONDON No. 49, J. O. O. of F., Herbert Knill, Noble Grand; Harry H. Davy, Secretary; meets every Tuesday evening.

MALMOE LONDON No. 8, N. E. O. P., Henry M. Young, Wardian; James H. Goldfarb, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in each month.

THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Dr. Frederick Bradley, President; Alexander McElhaney, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

NEWPORT COURSES No. 31, American Mechanic, meets first and third Thursday evenings.

PHILADELPHIA LONDON No. 33, K. H. of H., Dr. Edwin Wilson; Reporter, G. H. Glazier; meets 2d and 4th Thursday evenings.

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DATIS DIVISION No. 8, U. H. of P., Bl. Knight Captain, A. B. Davis; Charles H. Mills, Recorder; meets first Friday evening in each month.

## Local Matters.

Park Commission.

The monthly meeting of the Park Commission was held at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon. Chairman Powell, of the special committee on the new harbor park, reported that work was progressing satisfactorily; one fifth of the material contracted for has been put in place and the contractor is now engaged in filling in the base. The piles and bulk heading for the point at the east side of the pier to form a harbor will, it is expected, be in position before the first of the new year.

Plans were presented by Mr. G. Norman Weaver for the improvement of the paths on the Mall and they were adopted by the Commission. According to these plans the two diagonal cross-walks will be closed, the stone walk opposite Clarke street will be connected with the east walk opposite St. Joseph's rectory by a new walk sixteen feet wide through the middle of the Mall with a circle around the band stand. The new paths will be asphalted. This change will, it is believed, add materially to the beauty of the Mall and will give the grass a chance to grow.

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Mr. L. J. Jones, who was present, spoke of the necessity of extending the sewer pipe which will drain the park to deep water near the Lime Rock. He said that a sewer had been put in Halloway avenue, but was not carried out far enough, and in consequence became such a nuisance as to cause Mrs. Dickey to have it cemented up. Mr. Jones was advised to see the street commissioner and the committee on streets and highways about the matter, as the park commission has nothing to do with the sewer.

Newport Won.

The case of H. W. Losh & Co. of Boston against the city of Newport, to recover for labor and material used in the construction of the Bliss Crematorium, so called, in 1899, was disposed of Saturday by a verdict for the defendant. The case was on trial before the United States District Court in Providence last week Tuesday and Friday and the arguments by counsel were made Saturday morning, it going to the jury early in the afternoon. Charles E. Gorham of Providence and Thomas Coggeshall of Boston were counsel for the plaintiffs and City Solicitor Wm. P. Shafeld, Jr., for the defendant.

The new episcopal residence in Providence, given by Mrs. Russell for the use of the Bishop of the diocese of Rhode Island, was dedicated on Tuesday in a very simple manner. Bishop Clark, Mrs. Russell and a few others were the only ones present, and the ceremony involved was simply the presentation of the edifice to the diocese, and the acceptance by Bishop Clark.

The vestry of Zabrikkie Memorial Church has extended a call to Rev. Charles F. Beattie of Chelsea, Mass. Rev. Mr. Beattie has been in town this week, but it is not yet known whether he will accept the call or not.

Mr. ——, ——, ——, ——, ——, ——, visiting friends in the South.

SUPERIOR RAILROAD INSPECTING. Large Delegations from Newport County inspect the Worcester & Marlboro Co.'s Plant at Northboro and enjoy a ride over the line—Everything First Class and the Visitors Unanimous in the Wish for a like Road Between this City and Fall River.

That the proposed electric road between Newport and Fall River is to be built there is now little or no doubt in the minds of those specially interested. The people on the island want it and the Company is willing and anxious to build it. The financial part is already provided for, and all that is now wanting to insure its building and equipment is the sanction of the town councils of Middletown, Portsmouth and Tiverton.

Last Tuesday about fifty of the representative men of these towns, including members of the town councils, the Stone Bridge commissioners and others, visited Northboro, Mass., and made a careful inspection of the Worcester & Marlboro plant which is similar in size, construction and equipment to that proposed by the Middletown & Portsmouth Company:

Mr. E. P. Hopkins, Jr.,  
Supt. W. and M. H. H.  
Dear Sir—In answer to your cordial invitation to visit your works at Northboro, I will say that nothing but success would prevent me from accepting, but I would feel it a duty and a pleasure to inform those gentlemen of our most pleasant relations since our meeting together by the consent of chance, and I hope you will excuse my intrusion. We met quite strangers and I said I should demand from your company for my一切 everything you have called for and nothing more. You assured me I could count on you always with you. You have done it and very much so, and I feel it would be unkind of me to ever miss a chance to say a good word for you and yours.

Most respectfully,  
O. L. BAILEY,  
Mayor.

The Middletown and Portsmouth road, if built, will be equipped at the start with fifteen open cars and five box cars of the same style and make as those seen at Northboro and why will be run as often as there is any demand for. The power station for the entire road will be situated at or near Newtown which is about midway between Newport and Fall River. To get across the Seacott or East River it is proposed to build a bridge running parallel with and upon the same abutments as the Stone Bridge, with an independent draw. The towns at their next council meeting, will be asked for the necessary franchises, and, if granted, work will be begun in time for completion previous to May 1, 1898.

Tuesday's delegation from this association included the following well known gentlemen, all of whom expressed themselves as well pleased with what they saw and as of the opinion that the road proposed by the Middletown & Portsmouth Company would be a great convenience and benefit to the island of Rhode Island and its people: Hon. Melville Bull, president of the company; Hon. E. A. Brown, vice president of the company and Stone Bridge commission; State Auditor A. C. Landers, secretary of the company; Loratzo Tallman and Charles C. Peckham, of the Board of Directors; President A. C. Titus, of the Newport Street Railway Company; Col. Wm. P. Shafeild, Jr., city solicitor of Newport and counsel for the new company; Assemblyman J. H. Wetherell, Sheriff James Anthony, and Messrs. F. W. Wheeler, Marshall W. Hall, Charles S. Landers and E. W. Higgins of Newport; Messrs. C. H. Congdon, A. H. Ward, A. L. Peckham, L. H. Peabody, L. R. Manchester, H. F. Peckham, W. C. Peckham, James R. Chase, Henry L. Chase, and C. H. Ward, of Middletown; Messrs. Edward Almy, Dr. Benj. Greene, A. B. Anthony, Joseph Davies, John H. Chase, A. G. Manchester, William L. Shafeild, Reservoir P. Manchester, John H. Correll, Warren R. Sherman, Charles G. Thomas, John L. Tallman, Herbert Manchester, E. R. Anthony and William Brayton of Portsmouth; Messrs. A. L. Hamblin, Samuel E. Almy, S. Gilman Bowes, Preserved Brayton, John E. Manchester, James Manchester, James L. Negus, and George R. Lawton of Tiverton, and Mr. Albert Peckham of Little Compton.

The meetings of the several town councils will be held as follows: Tiverton, Dec. 6; Portsmouth, Dec. 13; Middletown, Dec. 20; and as every member of each body, with the exception of Mr. Isaac A. Sherman of Middletown, was of the inspecting party there is not likely to be any unnecessary delay in their action.

Mr. H. H. Freeman, organist of the Zabrikkie Memorial Church, gave the last in his series of organ recitals at that church Monday afternoon. Mr. Freeman was assisted by Miss Conley and Mr. Swan, vocalists, and Mr. W. H. Boone, organist. The programme was an excellent one and all the participants rendered their selections in a highly satisfactory manner. It is hoped that Mr. Freeman will give another series in the near future.

Wednesday evening Mr. Joseph S. Allan entertained a number of his friends with a supper at "The Allen," and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Before the entertainment was brought to a close Mr. William B. Scott, in behalf of those assembled, presented the surprised host with a handsome Knight Templar's charm. Mr. Allan was taken completely by surprise, but responded briefly. The occasion was the host's birthday.

Several members of the Senior Greek class of the Rogers High School, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Ruth B. Franklin, attended the performance of the Greek play "The Return of Odysseus," given by students of Brown University and the Women's College at Providence, on Tuesday evening, preceding to that of the Worcester & Marlboro

Company and have it in operation next May. He stated, further, that while stock in the Middletown & Portsmouth Company would be sold to anybody in Newport County who wish to buy, nobody be asked to subscribe, as all the money necessary for carrying out the enterprise was already at the Company's disposal, and added that the road, as far as practicable, would be built and operated by local labor. After Mr. Tucker's brief explanation the letter was read by Mr. Marble, president of the Worcester & Marlboro Company:

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They left here on the 8:20 train in the morning and upon their arrival at Northboro were shown through the power station and our house, after which they took a ride over the road to Worcester. The Worcester & Marlboro Company's road is about 18 miles in length—the same distance as between Newport and Fall River—and the station at Northboro, which is about midway between the two cities of Marlboro and Worcester, supplies all the power. It was explained that a station of similar capacity located at or near Newtown on Rhode Island, would furnish all the power necessary to run cars on a fifteen minute schedule between Newport and Fall River. The visitors were then taken through the car house where they were shown the kind of cars with which the new road is to be equipped, and in which they later took their ride to Worcester. Here, as at the power station, the visitors evinced much interest, and seemed unanimous in the wish that such a plant might be established on the island of Rhode Island. The open or summer cars were similar to those used on the New York road, with the exception of being larger and of finer finish, but the box or winter cars were far superior in every particular to anything which the visitors had ever seen. They are ventilated, large, and elegantly finished, with handsomely upholstered seats arranged the same as in the cars used on the steam roads.

The cars are thoroughly heated, but the system of ventilation is so perfect that the air never becomes oppressive even with every seat occupied, and the nine-mile ride in them to Worcester was to the visitors one of the most enjoyable features of the day.

Immediately upon arriving at Worcester the Rhode Island delegation, which had been materially increased along the road, was escorted to the Bay State House where dinner was laid for sixty-three. Everybody was hungry and the dinner was disposed of in a manner highly complimentary to the culinary skill of the chef. At 2 o'clock the party took electric to the depot of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Company where they boarded the steam cars for home arriving here at 5:40.

The trip occupied the whole day, but not a moment of time was wasted, so complete were the arrangements made by the Company, and the visitors, at least those who went from here, felt that it had been one of profit as well as of pleasure. They had been given every opportunity to inspect a road such as the Company propose to lay across this island and to discuss its merits with men living along its route. The three sections of Shrewsbury, through which the road runs, Messrs. H. L. Goddard, W. C. Knowlton and J. A. Dean—joined the party at Northboro, and, having been in office during the time the road was being built, were able to give much interesting information. They were unanimous in their praise of the work of construction and of the subsequent management of the road and in declaring that the road had been a benefit in every particular. When the road was opened to travel, the first of last July, the cars were run once an hour, but the schedule soon had to be changed to half hourly and during the last five weeks of the summer cars had to be run every fifteen minutes.

The road between Newport and Fall River, if the towns grant the franchises asked for, will be built by the same company as was that from Worcester to Marlboro, and its operation, when completed, will be under the same general management. The Tucker & Anthony Company of Boston are the builders and Mr. Tucker stated to the visitors on Tuesday that all was asked of the people of Rhode Island was a right of way and that if the franchises to be asked for at the coming meetings of the town councils are granted his company will guarantee to build and equip a road from Newport to Fall River in every particular to that of the Worcester & Marlboro

## The Naval War College

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There is now another discussion as to the value of the Naval War College at Newport, says the Providence Journal. But it is again a repetition of that which has gone before and the friends of the college are not greatly exercised over it, for while they may be obliged to stand up in its defense again as a matter of form, it is believed that now the good of the college is too well known to permit of the ravings of the objectors to be of any real value. From the time of the very birth of the college there has been a class who have turned their heads scornfully away from it and some of those same persons have since become faithful supporters of it. Their first impressions were founded on what they did not know and their last upon knowledge they had gained since the workings of the college.

A real good reason why the college should not be maintained has not yet been given. It was not until we began to have developed a new class of ships the theory of which many officers were slow to grasp, that it was presented so forcibly that there should be further education for the wearer of the gold lace than that which he would pick up of his own accord by diligent study. It is not every officer who is willing without compulsion to become a bookworm and student of naval reports of the day, and without the information there to be gained the officer becomes a book number along with the discarded ship. The college was intended to keep these officers up to date and to provide a way for the study of future methods as well as of problems that are arising in every active naval man's mind.

In rehearsing the good of the college the New York Sun speaks thus:

Its prolonged studies in successive years of problems based on the supposed attack of an enemy, now upon the New England coast, now upon New York, and again at various strategic points south of us, have yielded the most valuable results. War charts and confidence plans have been produced, which are carefully locked up for future use of the Government; steam launch reconnoisseances have disclosed the leading elements in the strategic positions on the Atlantic coast; the sounding areas, the points for provisioning and coaling at sea, the proper location and signal stations, the torpedo boat bases, the best auncours, the places for laying submarine mines have been studied at points along the seaboard from Casco Bay southward.

The institution has also given instruction in strategy, in tactics, in the types of ships we need, in steam engineering, in armaments and armor, in electricity and other naval equipments, in hygiene, in naval history, in international law.

The hopes of Admiral Luce, at the founding of the institution, as to its usefulness must have been fulfilled in a large measure.

Commander Goodrich, in his closing lecture, insists that strategy is of necessity a matter of study as the college studies it, because, while our theories of operations fit so large and our fleet so small, only minor problems could in any case be solved, even by making use of several large fleets on a much restricted area, and training the mind to enemy is something that actual fleet evolution may not impart at all. In the mimic warfare involved in the strategic games of the college 15 situations were studied and solved during the session.

Some have criticised the college because of the fact that the work has been mainly theoretical, as they judge it, but they have taken advantage of all the facilities at hand. The college officers have asked for fleets of ships to give a practical working out of certain problems, but instead, they have been ordered to show duties along the coast, and the officers have been wined and dined. But for all this, with the fleets passing back and forth along the coast and offering no assistance to the college, the officials there have learned more of the character of the details of the coast than the officers of the fleet ever thought of securing, and the drawing of one of the war charts, which is one of the duties of each class, is one of the accomplishments of infinite value, perhaps not now appreciated, but soon would be in time of war, if kept up to date in that time. There would then be no guessing that there would be certain facilities at a certain place or the necessity of sending an aid to look over the field; a glance at one of these maps would give knowledge which would take weeks otherwise to secure. These maps, like many other documents that are prepared at the college, are not common property, but are departmental, and their extent and value are probably little realized, even among officers, except within the narrow limits of the officers who have been detailed to the college either as teacher or scholar.

The college has borne good fruit during its existence, and there need be little fear that it will be abolished unless the fight be carried into Congress—a public body which cannot be made aware of the department's secrets, and so might possibly be impressed with the arguments that there was no return for the money there expended, and the failure to make a public exhibit of contents of the Naval Intelligence Office could be looked upon by this body as showing that there was nothing there.

A special dispatch from Washington states that it has been decided to continue the work at the college.

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Company B gave one of its socials at Old Fellow's Hall Tuesday evening, which was largely attended and proved highly enjoyable.

Miss Martha Landers is visiting her son, H. C. L. Taylor, Esq., in New York.

## WEDDING BELLS.

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Merrill Dresser.

A large audience was present at Trinity Church Wednesday noon to witness the marriage of Rev. George Grenville Merrill, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Tuxedo Park, and Miss Pauline Georgina Warren Dresser, daughter of the late Civilian G. W. Dresser. The church was tastefully though not elaborately decorated and during the assembling of the guests Mr. W. B. Boune, organist of the church, gave a pleasing programme of festive music. The ushers' dues were performed by Rev. William Bernard Gilpin of Boston, Rev. Herbert Chapman, chaplain at West Point; Mr. Frank W. Andrews, Jr., of Boston, Mr. J. Neilson Howard; Mr. Frederic Speden and Mr. E. A. Lewis of Castle Point, Hoboken.

Upon the arrival of the bridal party

Mr. Boone rendered Mendelssohn's "Præst's" March from "Athalia" and to its strains the bride was escorted to the altar. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. D. L. Roy Dresser, who gave her away, and was preceded by her bridesmaids, Miss Susan Field Dresser, Miss Gundolyn King and Miss Van Deuren Reed, and two tiny maids of honor, Miss Anna and Miss Dresser.

The bridesmaids wore gowns of yellow silk covered with chenille dotted tulip and large black velvet hats trimmed with black plumes. The maids of honor wore white chiffon and carried yellow chrysanthemums tied with yellow ribbons. The bride and bridesmaids carried prayer books. The bride's gown of heavy brocade was trimmed with boucles of ravel lace and her veil was also an heirloom of the family. At the altar the groom and his best man, Mr. Alexander M. Haddon of New York, were waiting to receive them and the ceremony was performed by Rev. George J. Magill, D. D., rector of Trinity church, assisted by Rev. Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York; Archdeacon Thomas of New Jersey, and Rev. E. H. Porter.

# Abducted by John the Baptist

By Ward Biss

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XVI

## MISS ZENITH CONFESSES.

The father and lover returned to Minersville in company and together went to Captain Zenith's residence, hopeful that Miss Stella had returned. Although their hopes were not strong their disappointment was deep when their fears were confirmed.

Miss Letson was there and in a state of great distress.

Miss Zenith, too, was in a state bordering upon distraction, for, by a dispatch received from Captain Zenith they had learned that Miss Stella was not with the adjutant.

When the returning travelers entered the house Captain Zenith asked:

"Have you heard anything from her?"

"Not a word. As soon as your telegram was received we started parties out to search; but nothing now has been learned, though the country is filled with searchers."

Captain Zenith sat in silence for many minutes, his face full of pain. The grief and fatigues of the past few days left his features scarcely recognizable, even to his own family. As he sat there in silence with unmoving eyes, Mollie gazed on him with a new horror, for she thought that he was dead. Suddenly he sprang up and seized her:

"Mollie! Where is your sister? Is she living or is she dead?"

Miss Zenith was frightened. She faltered, almost fainted, and but for the grasp of her father who would have fallen; but she recovered herself sufficiently to say:

"Oh, my God! I wish I knew! I wish I knew!"

"Don't lie to me, girl! You know! If she is living, where is she? If she is dead, where is the body? Why is she concealed if she is living? Is she held by force? Or is she—she disgraced?" As he finished the question he released Miss Zenith and sat down with his face in his hands.

"My God! Oh, my God! Pal. Why do you say this to me?"

"Because you know what has become of your sister! You see us all in distress, you witness our despair and continue to torture us as you may be torturing that poor child! But you shall tell me at once! Where is Stella?"

Again he sprang up and laid violent hold of Miss Zenith.

"I do not know."

"Girl! Do you tempt me to use violence? Where is your sister?"

"Captain Zenith, will you permit me to ask Miss Zenith a few questions?" Miss Zenith, the adjutant interposed,

"Will you kindly answer me a few important questions touching this terrible matter?"

"Willingly, gladly, truthfully; whatever I can answer, at all."

"Why did you tell me that Miss Stella had gone to New York?"

"To mislead you and prevent you from meeting her if I could. I knew that by some means Miss Letson would detain her at least one day and I hoped to be able by some means to keep you apart after that."

"Why did you induce your father to follow me to New York?"

"I did not know that you had gone to New York. I supposed you to be at Scranton with your soldiers; when Pa left home it was only to go to Scranton; I didn't know that he would go to New York. I induced him to go to Scranton because I believed Stella to be there with you. I knew that by trying to walk home she was doing her utmost to keep faith with you; I did not doubt that she had telegraphed to you her failure to get home by the train and her determination to walk; that after leaving here you received her message; I believed that having received her message you met her and induced her to go away with you and get married. That's the whole truth; God knows that that is all. I wish that I knew more."

XVII.

## AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

The entire population of Minersville and the surrounding country and adjacent towns was aroused.

Thousands of men tramped over the hills in every direction, for miles.

Cordons of searchers were systematically moved forward and back, sweeping like a living broom across every hill, through every hollow, over every plateau and valley,

Not a cluster of bushes, not a hollow stump, not a stream or pool, well or shaft, not a barn or empty structure or any outbuilding was, for miles around, left unexplored.

During the day the hills were peopled more thickly than were the pleasant parks of a populous city on a fair day. All night the hills were red with fires and flames with glaring tortues.

Day and night, night and day, the search went on and the same ground was covered repeatedly; but not a trace was discovered, not a clue was found.

Hope died within the hearts of the searchers and their numbers began to decrease. Some were worn out physically; some retired because of their conviction that further search would be futile.

Some alleged that the young lady had disappeared from reasons of her own. Some did not doubt that the adjutant had her safely carried off. Some had no doubt that she had eloped with one of the adjutant's rivals. Some concluded that she had been captured by brigands who, in due time would demand a ransom. Many did not

doubt that she had been murdered and the body secretly hidden.

Then came rumors from many distant places that the young lady had been discovered at each. Sometimes she was reported to be on the stage; sometimes she was a milliner; sometimes a waiter in a dining room; sometimes a clerk; sometimes a saleswoman; once she was in a lunatic asylum. None of these rumors were very exact. They burdened the telegraph and occupied much space in press

reports. Many newspapers published unrecognizable pictures of Miss Stella beside the pictures of the "discovered" and sometimes there really was a resemblance, which was usually found to be due to the skill of the engraver or the artist.

All these rumors were investigated, for each really inspired a hope. Many people have become suddenly crazed and it would not do to let any hope go by ungrasped.

When the volunteer searchers abandoned hope and retired from the search the adjutant begged for a detachment of cavalry with which to renew the search and a detachment was detailed under his command for that purpose and again, in a careful and systematic manner he scoured the whole country, but with no new results.

When, in the regular course of their march they came to the abode of John the Baptist, they found him at his door with a pitcher of water just brought from the adjacent spring, and the adjutant said:

"Have you seen or heard anything of the young lady who is lost among the hills?"

"You seek the virgin? The time is at hand! Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his path straight." Captain Zenith inquired, "rebels, deserters or a provost marshal?"

"Rabbits! 'em! I know where they're thicker 'em teeth!"

"If you kill for market you may bring me two brace."

"How much 'll you give?"

"Market price."

"All right, I don't know how much that is, but I'll find out 't you don't know."

"'N say, Captain Zenith, I've just traded Brownie for this gun 'n Ma says just won't lemme keep it. Won't you tell Pap 't he oughta lemme keep it?"

"Yes, Tom, I'll talk it over with him and help you if I can."

"Thank you Captain. You're a brick if yer girls is sassy. I tell you them girls of yours in terrors 'n I don't see how you get along 'livin' in the same house with 'em. It's bad enough livin' next door. Carrie isn't so bad, but I wish a bushel of those I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost!"

"Do you see all these people? They are looking for a young lady who is lost. Old man, pull you wife together and try to remember if you have seen her."

"Yes, Yes; the virgin! Ye seek the virgin, but your time is not yet! The time is ripe! There be some standing here which shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in his glory; for he shall come in the clouds of heaven and all his holy angels with him! Ye serpents and pharisees, hypocrites! Oh, ye generation of vipers! Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

"It is useless! He would not remember, if he had seen her an hour ago."

The three walked hilt with its stone roof and milled door was left to its insane proprietor and the searchers went onward over the hills, anxiously continuing a hopeless search.

For a full week the adjutant and his detachment went fruitlessly up and down among the hills, scanning their summits and scouring their bases. Then the troops were ordered back to camp and the search for the lost Stella was ended and her disappearance was added to the great catalogue of unsolvable mysteries.

XVIII.

## TOM COYNE MAKES A TRADE.

TOM COYNE makes a trade. Tom Coyne was a Free-born American boy. His parents lived next door to the Zeniths and naturally enough Tom lived there also. Quite as naturally the young ladies of the Zenith household entreated many decided opinions concerning the average Free-born American boy; and the consensus of opinion among the Misses Zenith was antagonistic to the Free-born American Boy and they sometimes expressed their respective opinion to Tom personally in language as vigorous, emphatic and unmistakable as custom permits the Free-born American Maiden to make use of. Indeed, there is no doubt that they sometimes stretched the permission of custom to its utmost limits and ceased to stretch that permission with some reluctance, feeling that Justice had not been done in the case; perhaps even feeling that Justice is unfair and tyrannical when she forbids young ladies to employ all of the resources of language concerning the Free-born American Boy!

Some days after the search for Miss Stella was abandoned Tom Coyne entered the parental parlor where his mother was chatting with a neighbor. His mein was that of a conqueror of nations who fully appreciated his own importance to historians.

"Now, that's what I call a bargain!" he said, displaying a flat-top musket of the oldest pattern extant. The stock was clumsy, the barrel of amazing length, and the calibre great enough to carry a peach. But it was a gun and that satisfied Tom. For its oddities, its defects, it was cured nothing; his boyish ambition had been to own a gun; this was a gun; he owned this gun; therefore he was happy.

"Tom! Where in the world did you get that?" his mother asked in a discouraging tone that was lost on Tom. "It's mine."

"Where did you get it?"

"Traded for it."

"What did you trade for it?"

"Brownie."

"Oh, Tom! You poor foolish boy! That old gun is not worth fifty cents and the calf is w/ five or six dollars! Your father 'll make you undo that trade."

"You tell him t' not? I'd rather have this gun 'n a whole drove of calves!" "It won't eat nuttin' 'n it won't cost nuttin' 'n it will kill rabbits like gosh! W/ can eat rabbits 'n I'll see that it kills plenty of 'em, you bet! 'N I'll have fun with this gun in a norn tha' I could ever have with Brownie! A feller can play with a gun an' enjoy hi' but no feller with good sense can pla; with a cal' n have fun!"

"I'm sorry to dis' point you, my boy, but it is a foolish t' do."

"Well, mayn't I 'ep it to-day?"

"You may keep it till your father comes home and then he may do as he pleases."

"You make t' not? I let me keep it, Mai: anyway I'll 'ep' it now; I've got powder 'n shot."

He stuffed his pockets full of old newspapers for wadding and proceeded to load the piece. The gun was so long that he had to thrust the butt several feet to the rear before the muzzle was lowered within his reach so that he could pour into it the tremendous charge of powder that he held in his palm. Having deposited the powder in the barrel he stood the piece erect and rattled the butt on the floor to settle the charge into the chamber. Finding that he could not, owing to the altitude of the muzzle, keep the gun perpendicular while he drove the wadding home, he mounted an upholstered chair and started a roll of paper down the long bore. Then a new difficulty was encountered; the rammer could not be drawn without inclining the gun, the length of the gun added to the height of the ceiling; and Tom had an idea that the powder must be kept level in the chamber or something would happen! Therefore the gun must not be inclined until the wadding was packed upon the powder. Climbing down from the chair he went to the porch and stood the gun on the ground, so that there was only

a cloud for the rammer to penetrate. Having rammed the wad home with a vigorous and willing arm Tom sent another shot rattling down upon it and after the leaden pellets he sent another section of newspaper. Throwing the gun across his left arm he proceeded to prime it by pouring powder into the pan which he uncovered for that purpose. Captain Zenith was sitting on his own porch reading the Scranton Republican and Tom's prying movement brought him into range and he cried:

"Tom! Don't point that thing this way!"

"Beg your pardon, Captain, I didn't notice any one!" and the gun was shifted with the muzzle toward the parlor window, bringing the sportsman's mother into range.

"What are you going to shoot, Tom?" Captain Zenith inquired, "rebels, deserters or a provost marshal?"

"Rabbits! 'em! I know where they're thicker 'em teeth!"

"If you kill for market you may bring me two brace."

"How much 'll you give?"

"Market price."

"All right, I don't know how much that is, but I'll find out 't you don't know."

"'N say, Captain Zenith, I've just traded Brownie for this gun 'n Ma says just won't lemme keep it. Won't you tell Pap 't he oughta lemme keep it?"

"Yes, Tom, I'll talk it over with him and help you if I can."

"Thank you Captain. You're a brick if yer girls is sassy. I tell you them girls of yours in terrors 'n I don't see how you get along 'livin' in the same house with 'em. It's bad enough livin' next door. Carrie isn't so bad, but I wish a bushel of those I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost!"

"Do you see all these people? They are looking for a young lady who is lost. Old man, pull you wife together and try to remember if you have seen her."

"Yes, Yes; the virgin! Ye seek the virgin, but your time is not yet! The time is ripe! There be some standing here which shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in his glory; for he shall come in the clouds of heaven and all his holy angels with him! Ye serpents and pharisees, hypocrites! Oh, ye generation of vipers! Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

"It is useless! He would not remember, if he had seen her an hour ago."

The three walked hilt with its stone roof and milled door was left to its insane proprietor and the searchers went onward over the hills, anxiously continuing a hopeless search.

For a full week the adjutant and his detachment went fruitlessly up and down among the hills, scanning their summits and scouring their bases. Then the troops were ordered back to camp and the search for the lost Stella was ended and her disappearance was added to the great catalogue of unsolvable mysteries.

XIX.

## THE PROPHET AND THE VIRGIN.

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, saying, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his path straight.'"

The words at first apparently away, away, milled away, then close at hand, aroused the fainting girl and she opened her eyes and saw the Prophet standing over her.

From childhood the Prophet had been Miss Stella's familiar terror. Now, when she was weak, exhausted, crippled and helpless, the sight of him, there, was more terrifying than would have been a sight of the spectre in unclad bones and she fainted again.

"The time is ripe! Father! Thou hast revealed unto me the Virgin! His chosen one whom all creatures and men and angels shall hallow! The virgin whom He hath blessed."

Once more she heard that deep voice and awoke to find herself clasped in the strong bare arms of the Prophet as he bore her toward the ironclad door of the stone hut. Her terror was now so great that instead of depriving her of her consciousness as before, it caused her to fall into his arms to his right. She made an effort to release herself but he was unconscious of her purpose and clung to her with tender care. She continued her struggles as she said:

"You are the good Prophet, John the Baptist, are you not?"

"I have revealed it unto thee. Thou art the inspired Mo-her; no man hath revealed it unto thee. I am that Prophet; but no man is good; God is good."

"Please take me 'm me?"

"God hath prepared for thee a habitation for the nativity of His Son; For is the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Once was He born in a manger as it is recorded in the sacred books of His chosen apostles; now shall He be born in a cave as it is erroneously written that he was aforetime."

"Oh, take me ho' e; please take me none! I am hurt and I am lost."

"Who can understand and the deep mysteries of God, save them to whom He hath revealed them? He hath chosen thee from among all thy sex and now art thou revealed unto me whom He hath preserved, commanding me to minister unto thee that His name may be glorified."

"I must treat him as a crazy man," she said mentally; then, aloud: "Since it is God's will that you should minister to me, bring me to the water and then hasten to town and bring some one skilled in surgery for I am badly hurt."

"Blessed among women and forever to be revered among men art thou, since thou art the second Mother of the Son. Surely it is His will that I shall minister unto thee."

She now felt assured that he meant no harm; that he regarded her as a cool and himself as her servant; but his answer raised a fear that he could

consider himself her only servant, and that he would allow no one but himself to serve her. Therefore she remained silent, revolving what was expedient and what was possible as he bore her within his hut.

He carried her through two dark chambers, into a third where he laid her upon a bed of hay, spread upon rough boards that were supported by uneven posts.



## The Mercury.

John F. Barnes, Editor and Manager.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1897.

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## A POSTAL EloPEMENT.

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Somewhat this contention of the street car employee and others who believe that a United States mailbag does not confer any power upon a bobtail horse or any other unknown kind of vehicle serves to revive memories of the elopement of Luke Marshall and the Myers girl.

There never was such an elopement in the history of the Teton country. It was the most deliberate, tranquil and leisurely running away with which record had before or since dealt. The elopement was two days in its progress from one given point to another, and the given points, which were Myers' ranch, up in Marysville, Col., and Rexburg, down on the mesa, were scarcely more than eighty miles apart. And old man Myers hung around in the rear and in front and at the flank all that time, trying to stop the enterprise, but being utterly baffled by hearty observance and regard for law.

Myers used to talk about rights and justice and law and all that kind of thing a great deal, and had made speeches at many a masonic meeting against violence and illegal acts and so on...

"Blame it all," he argued, "if you people go on lynching rustlers instead of sending 'em down to Evanston for trial you'll never git no postoffice per any other favor o' the Gov'ment, but I'll stand right on a panel o' ignorant exiles." And he argued as well that lawless Justice actually ceased, and eventually a star-route postal delivery was established by an approving government, and in recognition of Myers's services he was boomed for Postmaster and Deputy Marshal, both of which offices were given to him. After that he was more legal than ever.

Luke Marshall carried the mail from Rexburg, riding the pass on his sorrel mare, and it was quite natural that he should fall in love with the girl at the postoffice. Now Myers, for all his earnest talk about lawlessness, had already lamed two men and shot the ear off another because at various times they had tried to prove to him that he ought to let the girl marry. Luke Marshall was no such fool as these. One day when he was ready to leave for Rexburg he called to the postmaster's daughter to fetch her jacket and come on. The girl came out and Luke lifted her up to a comfortable seat upon the mailing bench behind him.

"Here! What's them?" cried old Myers, Marshall and Postmaster.

"Oh, we're going over the range to get married," said Luke, casually. "We're eloping."

Old Myers drew up his Winchester. "Jude! Get down off'n there!" he cried. "Want a fair aim to shoot that fellow square through the eye."

This was where Marshall's nerve came out strong. "Get out of the way, you anarchist," he cried. "Don't you see you're delaying the United States mail? A man o' your age! A man holding two public offices! Delainin' the Gov'ment of the United States as is represented in this sorrel mare an' this big standstill railroad train traveling from Perth to the North."

Most Metals of Recent Discovery.

Fifty-one metals are now known to exist, thirty of which have been discovered within the past century. Four hundred years ago only seven were known.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS

**SATURDAY, NOV. 27.** A number of sheep are in danger through a prairie fire south of Clayton, N. M.—Fire caused a loss of \$2500 to the F. B. Washburn Laking Company of Brooklyn, Mass.—New York capitalists are said to be ready to invest \$16,000 in a telephone company in opposition to the Bell monopoly—New York policeman shot a boy who had been kicking a football on the street and had started to make his escape—Joseph Deamari, Providence, died of a wound caused by his brother-in-law to whom he refused money—M. C. Stoekey, Belleville, Ill., a deputy collector of internal revenue, was found dead under a trestle, having fallen from a train it is supposed—Caroline Abbe, eccentric and supposed to have money, was choked to death at Leavenworth, Kan.—W. H. Whitney, hotel keeper of Warren, Me., cut his jugular vein in the jail at Rockland, where he was undergoing a sentence of 60 days for selling liquor.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 28.**

Lunatics kicked and beaten into insensibility, crazy persons put to the torture of hypodermic needles, medicated in such a way as to make the victim senseless for hours or days at a time; helpless patients kept in filthy cells and dragged through filth at the whim of keepers—such are the reports from the state asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y.—Pay of 3000 day workers employed by Jones & Laughlin has been advanced 10 per cent—One man was killed and three injured by the falling of three floors of building at Wilmington, Del.—By the giving of way of a treacherous bridge at Winchester, Ky., 25 cars of coal dropped 85 feet and two bridge carpers were killed—Consul General Lee reports that there are 1607 citizens in Cuba dependent upon charitable assistance—Martin Thorin says that Mrs. Rock cut up the body of Guldenguppen—Six members of the Jerner family are in Boston hospital for treatment for poison taken into their systems at a dinner of fish and chicken.

**MONDAY, NOV. 29.**

Five lives have been lost on the route to Dawson, Alaska, in a few weeks—Budget McCann, 50 years of age, was assaulted feloniously by a young man at the town farm in Danbury, Conn., and her death is looked for—Lillie Morrissey, a Fall River, Mass., domestic, 16 years old, died of burns inflicted by her clothes coming in contact with a gas stove—Tube resembling a bomb was found near the quarters of the Harlan, N. Y., Republican club—Stagecoach 28 feet high collapsed at Oliveville, Ill., and a laborer had his skull fractured—Schooner Little and large J. H. Stillman collided southwest of Point Judith, and both sank, the captain and a steward of the Stillman losing their lives—James Kennedy was clubbed to death by a New York policeman, who said that he had to use his stick in self-defense against a gang of four who had insulted churchgoers—Chilean government is about to establish a school in San Francisco for the Mongolians there—Iddy of a new born babe had been subjected to an awful butchering to end its existence—People found under a bridge at Hartford—Chicago police found the body of Mrs. Christopher Merritt in an uninhabited portion of the city, where it had been buried by the husband after he had caused the woman's death—Louis Stewart, while on his way to kill his wife and daughter at Egremont, Mass., got into the wrong house and bled to death through accidentally severing an artery—Fire of unknown origin did \$16,000 worth of damage to A. P. Bros. military and furnishing store in Philadelphia—One man was killed and five were injured by the bursting of a boiler in a blast furnace at Pittsburgh—Eight negroes killed and robbed a planter in St. Francis county, Ark., and then outraged his wife.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 30.**

Normal school at River Falls, Wis., was burned, the loss being \$15,000—Fourteen-year-old girl at Silver City, N. M., named Werner was assaulted and choked to death—Both Republicans have nominated ex-Mayor Curtis for mayor—Request of new counsel for Luedert, alleged Chicago murderer, for a continuance of four weeks to prepare for trial was denied, and the work of impeaching the jury was begun—Matthew Sullivan lived two hours after falling 22 feet at Northampton, Mass., while working on a barn—Four hundred dollars in money and stamps were taken by burglars from the postoffice at Antrim, N. H.—During the parents' absence, the 19-month old son of Charles June, Manus, Conn., was burned to death by flames from an over-turned lamp—Three members of a train crew were asphyxiated in a tunnel at Port Huron, Mich.—Burglar killed Officer Wells at Seattle, Wash., just as they were entering the jail—Collector of Internal Revenue Pratt, Albany, N. Y., has been removed because of an alleged shortage in his accounts—Jeremiah O'Neill, 30 years of age, fractured his skull by falling into the hold of a coal barge at Providence—George Miner, 18 years, shot himself fatally at Rye, N. H., while hunting—Gale, cyclonic in character, caused destructive tides, destroyed much property and caused several wrecks with a heavy loss of life in England—Polly Cook was instantly killed while walking on the tracks at Revere, Mass.—Elmer Bachus, aged 17, fell under a car at Stanton, Vt., while stealing a ride and was killed.

—Isaac Horne, 32 years, was crushed to death beneath an elevator in a Boston stable—Miss Briony, Lacolle, Que., lost a hand by slipping on a crossing at Rouses Point, N. Y. Just as a train arrived at the station—China will not comply with Germany's demands for reparation for the murder of missionaries—C. E. Durrell of Boston committed suicide by turning on the gas in his room.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1.**

Four men were arrested at Elizabeth, N. J., on the charge of placing a bomb on the rails to wreck an express train—Caroline Norris and her grandson were murdered at Piney Plain, Mo., by robbers—Secretary Gage estimates the treasury deficit for the year at \$10,000,000—Large part of the business centre of Carberry, Man., was destroyed by fire—Eleven persons were killed and 22 injured in a collision at Warsaw, Poland—Amos Dustin of Salem, N. H., 65 years, and W. L. Ricker of Everett, Mass., aged 71, committed suicide by hanging—H. A. Cody killed himself in a cellar at North Adams, Mass.—Jury in the Thorin case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first

degree—Tuberculosis is to be treated at public expense in New York city—Bedridden John Wright was burned to a crisp at Clyde, N. Y.—Seven men were killed and 17 are in a serious state at Maplesville, Ala., from drinking a mixture of wood alcohol and cheap whisky—George Steinheuer, wanted for a murder in Prussia, was found serving as a fireman on a steamer en route to New

## PRESIDENT'S MOTHER.

Mrs. Nancy McKinley, mother of President McKinley, died at Canton, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Nancy Alton McKinley, mother of the president, was strucken with paralysis Thursday morning, Dec. 4, and is reported to be in a coma.

Typhoid fever is in an epidemic form at Patterson, N. J.—Benjamin Harris, rag merchant at Detroit, Mich., is accused of evading duty on \$200 worth of woven rags and trying to bribe customs officials—J. T. Sturgeon, married man and prominent farmer at Rockville, Ind., was killed by a youth to whose mother he paid attention despite repeated warnings—Engineer and fireman were killed in a railroad accident near Danville, Va.—Masked man robbed a railroad station in Malden, Mass., of \$50 by presenting a revolver at the head of a young man employed evenings as ticket seller—Members of the Georgia legislature, on a visit of inspection to a convict camp, were held up by two men, pretending to be railroad officials, and forced to give up \$1.50 each for using a freight car.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 2.**

Excitement in North Woodstock, Me., over the discovery of gold—L. D. Brown, Providence, R. I., was killed by falling from a car—Trinity Episcopal parish at Pawtucket, R. I., has received \$1000 as a memorial gift toward the erection of a parish house—Walter Borden, prominent in military circles in Fall River, Mass., has been arrested on a charge of stealing chairs from the armory—Sawyer's paper factory and adjoining buildings in St. Louis were damaged by fire to the extent of \$200,000—By explosion of fire damp in a mine near Homberg, Bavaria, 20 men were killed and 45 injured—Combination of river coal interests is being planned in Pennsylvania—Fire destroyed \$16,000 worth of property in Lowell, Mass.—Burglars secured \$50 from a safe on a prominent thoroughfare in Boston—Lad named Green was torn to pieces in a mill at Waterville, Me.—Lives of epileptics in hospital at Galatopolis, O., were endangered by some form of poison in their food—Acting President Cuestas of Uruguay was attacked with a knife by an assassin, but escaped injury—Francis Salerno, a spectator, was shot in the abdomen during a row in a Boston saloon—Charles Dunham had his nose broken in a row at New Bedford, Mass., and as he died of lock-jaw, A. J. Briden, the assailant, has been arrested for manslaughter—Ex-Secretary Noble told the students of a university in Lafayette, Ind., that the right to issue the writ of injunction and to try violators without the right of appeal had grown up with the right of trial by jury—Desirable state of affairs is reported in San Domingo, Cuba, where small-pox is epidemic and starvation rampant—Accounts of the late superintendent of the Nebraska reform school show a deficit of \$15,000—Twelve hundred miners in Walker county, Ala., are on strike because a cut-down was not rescinded.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 3.**

Fire caused a loss of \$50,000 to the People's Heat and Light company of Halifax, N. S., by destroying the chemical works—C. B. McCoy, for making false entries in the books of a national bank at Bay City, Mich., was given six years in the house of correction—Three prisoners confined in the Auburn, Me., prison, recently brought from Massachusetts, sawed their way to liberty during the noon hour, but were captured later—Guiseppe Fuda, convicted of the murder of his wife in East Norwalk Feb. 17 last, paid the penalty of his crime, and in a manner which not only impressed the prison directors most favorably from its humanitarian standpoint, but likewise created the same impression on the other members of the party legally authorized to witness the execution.

Though Fuda weakened for a few seconds before the trap was sprung, necessitating the attending officers holding him up, when "jerked into the air" his neck was broken, and it was less than nine minutes when the attending physician pronounced life extinct.

Nicelmo Imposino, his associate in the crime, who was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 17, will likewise probably pay the penalty for "being an accessory."

Despite the fact that Fuda made a written confession a few weeks ago that he only was actually guilty of committing the deed, inasmuch as Imposino was an accessory to the crime in luring the woman to the scene, according to the law of the state he was actually guilty.

## IN HUB MARKET'S.

## New Advertisements.

## Butter Market Has Developed Stronger Tone at Last.

Indications Very Favorable For Active Demand For First Class Creamery and Big Buttering In Cold Storage Supply.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—A stronger tone has been developed in the butter market,

and both fresh made and held stock are selling a little more freely than last week.

No advance can be obtained, but with the falling off in receipts, fresh supplies are cleaning more easily, and the indications are that there will be no further trouble in selling all the first-class creamery

that comes along, at least, not until

the calves show a considerable increase.

The situation generally viewed has a healthy appearance, and the outlook is favorable for the selling interest.

The best portion of the June stock is being used rapidly, and consumers will soon

have to come back to the fresh make.

Statistics indicate an increased con-

sumption for the month of November,

notwithstanding the unsatisfactory tone

which prevailed, and if receipts keep on

a moderate scale, as they probably will,

the year will close on a comparatively

small stock of butter in cold storage.

During the month there was a net re-

duction of 35,711 tubs, against 31,942 tubs

same time last year, and this, too, with

any export business of importance.

The receipts of butter at Boston for

the week were \$930 tubs and 14,094 boxes,

a total of 412,514 pounds, against 444,218 pounds the previous week, and 553,263 pounds corresponding week last year.

This shows a falling off as compared

with the previous week and last year.

This week's receipts so far are running

light.

As the day advanced Mrs. McKinley

grew gradually worse. Dr. Phillips, the

attending physician, thinks the de-

velopment of the day will decide the

matter. A change for the better he

would regard as an indication of a tem-

porary rally, in which case death would

probably not occur for sometime. Should

the day's condition be worse he expects

the patient to sink very rapidly. The

disease, he says, is not primarily pa-

ralysis, but really, the result of old age,

which has produced the partial paralytic,

in such cases he says there is a general

breaking down of the powers and nothing

left upon which to build up strength

and the basis of recovery. The doctor

said after he last saw Mrs. McKinley

there was some slight evidence that the

facial expressions of the patient were

less rigid than they were early in the

day. Abner McKinley said late last

night that he thought his mother was

sinking rapidly.

Hanged for Killing His Wife.

Hartford, Dec. 3.—For the fourth time the infamous automatic gallows hanged its victim at Westerfield shortly before 12:30 this morning. Giuseppe Fuda, convicted of the murder of his wife in East Norwalk Feb. 17 last, paid the penalty of his crime, and in a manner which not only impressed the prison

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Old Man In Love.

Boston, Nov. 30.—Joseph Shattuck, 55

years of age, a doortender in C. F. Young's employment office, at 22 Hanover street, dropped dead this morning under circumstances which are certainly strange.

The old man was in love, and in his

pocket was a letter. It said:

"Die for Miss Boyd of 16 Bolton street,

Bromley. I cannot live without her.

Send my body to my brother at East

Pepperell, Mass."

This looked like the letter of a scoundrel,

but those who knew the old man and

met him every day say it was written

some time ago.

"That he was in love with Miss Boyd

there is no doubt," he told W. H. Russel, a paperhanger, who has rooms in the rear of the employment office, that he had met Miss Boyd some years ago when they both worked in an employ-  
ment office, but they had drifted apart.

A short time ago they again met, and the flame was renewed in his heart.

Miss Boyd did not take kindly to the

old man's advances, and as a result he

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American literature be taken up, and a brief sketch of authors be given from time to time by the members during the session's work.

The members of the C. E. society met with Mrs. Carrie A. Porter Friday evening. The social was well attended and the evening's programme was of such an enjoyable character that the members on invitation of Mrs. Porter voted to meet with her again next month.

Considerable interest is being centered at the meeting of the Court of Probate Monday at the Town Hall, when the will of the late Benjamin Barker which was missing and only recently found will be probated. It was supposed that there was no will, and in July Mrs. Barker was appointed by the court of probate as sole administrator of the estate, and letters of administration were granted, bond \$10,000. Sureties N. B. Church and Charles A. Hamby.

Governor Dyer has appointed Philip H. Wilbur of Little Compton a member of the Shell Fish Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Edward F. Dyer of Portsmouth.

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The season is open for Southern travel. The Southern Railway announces the most perfect dining and sleeping car service for all Southern cities and winter resorts for the season of 1897-98.

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Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on Monday evening, about forty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Peckham, assembled at their home to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was spent in social converse and music and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham were the recipients of some handsome and useful presents. A fine collection were served and the company left in the early morning, with best wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Peckham.

At the regular meeting of Portsmouth Grange P. of H. on Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Master—G. W. Coggeshall. Overseer—Wm. H. Gilford. Lecturer—Mr. John M. Elbridge. Stewart—John P. Felt. Assistant Stewart—A. P. Anthony. Chaplain—Rev. G. W. Moore. Treasurer—J. Lincoln Sherman. Secretary—Miss Flora Burton. Gate Keeper—Walter A. Lewis. Clerk—Miss George Coggeshall. Youtou—Mr. D. Frank Hall. Past Master—W. H. Gilford. Lady Assistant Stewart—Miss Anna Ober. Executive Committee for three years—Edward R. Anthony.

Messrs. Herbert Wyatt and Archibald Harrington have gone to Washington D. C.

#### TIVERTON:

A farmers' institute will be held at White's Hall Tuesday evening. Professor O. Flagg of the Kingston Agricultural College will lecture on the best methods of raising potatoes.

The musical and literary society have reorganized and the members will meet every other Monday evening at the part-songs. The officers elected for the winter season are: President—Roy Samuel Ross, Vice President—Miss Florence W. Brown, Secretary—Miss Lillian C. Potter, Mrs. Samuel W. Hathaway was appointed a committee on programmes and Mrs. E. L. White a committee on music. It was voted that

Neil—Yeats takes me to the theatre, buys me flowers and candy, and all that sort of thing.

Belle—Yet you don't care for him; why do you play with the man's affection?

Nell—Play! I call it working them.—Philadelphia Record.

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### About the State.

A broken rail was responsible for the derailing of a smoking car on the Passaic branch of the New England Road Saturday evening by which half a dozen men were injured and other families narrowly averted. The accident occurred half a mile south of Centerville and it was several hours before the track was cleared.

Town Clerk M. H. Wood, a deacon of many years standing in the Congregational church of Barrington, was tried by the church on four counts Tuesday night and was suspended from the choir. The charges included wife beating, falsifying, creating public scandal, and contempt of the brethren and authorities of the church.

Louis Brown, a brakeman employed on the Consolidated Road, fell from a freight car at Blackstone, Mass., Tuesday night and was taken to the En-

gine Hospital in Providence. The train passed over both legs and amputation was necessary.

Charles Potter of Pawtucket a young man, had a narrow escape from death Sunday. He had taken some headache powders, purchased at a drug store, the effect of which was to lower his heart's action until it was about to stop. It required several hours of hard work by a physician to overcome the effect of the powders.

The two concerns which it was alleged Cyrus C. Armstrong defrauded and then committed suicide in consequence thereof, have been reimbursed through the order of the probate court of Providence. The claims were those of the American Surety company for \$3,504.45, and the Roger Williams Savings Fund and Loan association for \$1,535.45. A commission on the estate was appointed some time ago, subsequent to the verdict secured by Armstrong's administrator against a music firm for \$500 damages.

Plinio's large furniture establishment located at the corner of Wayland and Eddy streets, Providence, was burned Thursday evening and one man lost his life. The fire was discovered shortly after five o'clock and was supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a lighted cigar into a pile of excelsior. Besides the one death there were several very narrow escapes. The damage by fire and smoke was estimated at \$125,000 partially covered by insurance.

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